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1871

(1800-1891) HELMUTH KARL BERNHARD
Count von MOLTKE

"The Silent" Prussian field-marshal.
Born at Parchim in Mecklenburg-SCHWERIN.
Entered the Prussian Service (1822). Sent
to organize the Turkish Army (1835).
Chief of the general staff of Berlin.
Modeled the Prussian Army. The
successful wars with Denmark (1863-
1864), with Austria (1866) and

with France in 1870-1871 proved
his preeminence as a strategist.
MOLTKE was made field marshal
in 1871 and received a large grant
of money as a reward for his services.
Retired in 1888, but still held
office of Chairman of the National
Defense Commission.